Just as the almanac foretold. In early summer the brigand crow Made ruthless raids On the sprouting blades:
The weeds fought long with the farmer's hoe:
And the raccoons and squirrels have had their Of all the good man's toil and care;— The shy field-monse

Has filled her house

And the blackbirds are flocking from no one knows But now his time has come; hurrah! To the fields, ads! to-day Our work will be play. Let the blackbirds scream, and the mad crows caw And the squirrels scold on the wild cherry limb-

We'll take from the robbers that took from him! Come along, one and all, boys! Big boys and small boys, Long-armed Amos, and Joel, and Jim! Bring sickles to reap, or blades to strike. Sefore they have lost In sun and frost The nourishing juices the cattle like, Sucker and stalk must be cut from the hill;

Surround them, and bend them, then hit with Left standing too long, They grow woody and strong; The corn in the shock will ripen still. Carry your stroke, lads, close to the ground, And pack them tight In pyramids shapely and stately and round. Give the old lady's skirts a genteel spread; Slope well the shoulders, so as to shed

The Autumn rain From the unhusked grain, Then twist a wisp for the queer little head. There she is, waiting to be embraced! Reach round her who can! "Twill take a man

And a boy, at least, to clasp her waist!
Was ever a hug like that? Now draw
Tightly the girdle of good oat-straw!
With the plumpest waist
That ever was laced, Goes the narrowest nightcap ever you saw. We bind the corn and leave it snug, Or rest in the shade Of the shocks we have made

To cat our luncheon, and drink from the jug. The children come bringing the bands, or play Hide-and-go-seek in the corn all day; And now and then race
With a chipmonk, or chase
A scared little fleid-mouse scampering away. All day we cut and bind; till at night-Where a field of corn in The misty morning

Waved, in the level September light— All over the shadowy stubble-land, The stooks, like Indian wigwams, stand. Compact and secure. There leave them to cure. Till the merry husking-time is at hand. Then the fodder will be to stack or to house. But now the dusk Falls soft as the shadows of cool pine-boughs; Our good day's work is done; the night Brings wholesome fatigue and appetite;

I home we go, singing gay songs by its light.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Electricity the Vital Force.

THE science of chemistry has done much of late to define the character of the subtile elements of nature, yet there re-mains much undefined and probably unelectricians as to the nature of the vital force of the animal economy. While the latter contend this force is but a condition of electricity, the former deny the identity

It is an admitted fact that there is a vital principle pervading every species and variety of the animal kingdom, without which it could not exist. Our object is not only to show the analogy existing between it and the common electricity, but further to prove the identity of the two. This power is so distinctively defined in some of the lower animals, that there can be no mistaking its identity. Several species of fishes are now known to scientific men to possess electrical power to a re-

The torpedo is a fish of enormous muscular and nervous power, having incorporated in his body, a well defined battery member your uncle or have met him in begged of me not to be uneasy, as they were aware that in consequence of the The gymnotus or American cel, is from five to six feet long, and the most powerful electric fish yet discovered. This dread monster of the deep coils himself up in the mud, and gathers around him a school of small fishes. By his electric discharge he renders them powerless and devours

The eel is constructed upon the plan of the Voltaic battery or pile. He has ninetysix series of tubes or piles arranged horizontally from head to tail. These tubes contain an albuminous fluid, highly saturated with saline matter. This natural animates are turned from Montana, of the death of black kids, black tie and studs, dainty tery or pile. And the arrangement of its solids and fluids is peculiarly fitted to the generation and discharge of electricity. The evening papers and the other ty! Missionaries told me harrowing tales trical power. The brain is the prime bat- the seriousness imaginable. tery or reservoir of electro-magnetism. The next day people came in groups to St. Louis and Kansas City. I would be a strength of the joke. sensation are communicated.

tal operations, familiarizing man with the telligent miner. world of things and phenomena. The gent physiologist or naturalist can doubt time previously ordered a fashionable suit that the vital force of the body is electri- of clothes to go out in. It was nearly city. It is a demonstrable fact that cur- worn out, and I was yet owing about half rents of electricity are constantly passing the price of it. There had been for some from the human system. So strikingly is time past a coolness between the tailor this illustrated that, in some instances, a and myself. His importunities I wished grasp of the hand will trausmit an electric to avoid. The rumor of my legacy made shock perceptible to the elbow. A posi- him hasten to find me. Such was the tive hand laid on a negative brain is fre- penalty I paid for the foolish pleasantry quently unbearable, causing a sensation of my friends. similar to that made by an electric masimilar to that made by an electric machine. The sparks, external, and the crackling of the body so perceptible at times, are but electrical phenomena. This vital principle is so identified. vital principle is so identified in certain persons that gas will ignite by contact I neverthought of it. You do not imagine with the tips of their fingers. The same I would think of dunning you for such a illumination can be accomplished by every paltry trifle? No, sir; I came to solicit one if insulated and charged with electricity, which only increases the volume ing suit." of that already in the body. Further proof is given in paralysis or loss of power in the limbs, which can be traced to an desire two suits for a change—silk hat, absence of the vital force. In this con- craped, white shirt, black studs, etc." nection, if the paralyized organ be placed in an electric circuit, its vitality is re-established W tablished. No stronger proof can be given of their sameness, than in the direct Arone, of withdrawing your patronage. substitution of one for the other. - Tele- You know my materials are prime, my graph Journal.

As an example of the pride of Englishmen, the Domino tells the following story: "While Marshal Sebastiani was French Minister in this country, he sat next Lord Palmerston at a city dinner, and, after lisneighbor, 'Oh, my Lord, if I was not a Frenchman I should wish to be an Englishman.' 'And I,' coldly replied old Pam. (le vieux Pam), 'if I was not an Englishman should wish to be an Englishman.' man, should wish to be one.""

—At the American Social Science Association in New York, a paper was read by Frederick Kapp, one of the Commissioners of Emigration, in which he states that dividual entered. He began:

"Mr. Mac Arone, you must do me a great service. Buy my house and lot. You are rich—very rich; you want some real estate in Kansas City. Forty thousand dustrious and wealthy.

-The average attendance at the Berlin was thirty-two persons.

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HOW I GOT RICH AGAINST MY WILL BY MAC ARONE.

pointments, I have squatted in St. Louis.

and evening parties. And yet it was not always so. I can your bargain.' recollect when I was as poor as povertyby I might live honestly and decently. for me. Bankers looked suspiciously at ty-five dollars a month: my appearance. Clergymen gave me a mess of "cold shoulder." They could make nothing out of me. Grocers and saloon-keepers eyed me with mistrust when replied:

I asked for five or ten cents' worth of their wares. My tailor would have the money in advance for a suit of clothes I badly needed. Unable to do anything in St. Louis, I, with two friends-companions in misery Mr. Hardcash was before me. luck in Kansas City. Their names were John Smith, a vender of patent rights, compiler of directories, and projector of advertising dodges; and Albert Robinson, a Bohemian, who was for some some and beginning to the state of th

bert Robinson, a Boheman, who was for some time local reporter on one of the St.

Louis dailies, but at the time I speak of, out of situation, money, friends and hopes.

out of situation, money, friends and hopes. Robinson had a manuscript of five hun-dred and forty pages of foolscap, entitled "Millerism Exposed; or the Perpetuity of the Earth." It was a well-written, logical treatise, and would have made him a reputation to be proud of. But no pub. proceedings that I imagined I should send it thither for payment. reputation to be proud of. But no pub-lisher would undertake to print it for the poor fellow.

We three packed up our little valises and took a cheap passage on one of the boats for Kansas City. There we were more fortunate. Smith obtained a clerkship in a dry goods house, Robinson secured a position on one of the morning papers, I became salesman and book-keeper in a grocery house. We had about seventy-five dollars a month. It was not

After a long chat one evening on our hopes and fears, Smith said: "All non- which I wrote. sense, my dear fellows! we have neither definable. A controversy has existed for of us the means of making a fortune. a long time between physiologists and But an idea strikes me—could we not get sand dollars' worth of Iron Mountain letters lay in piles upon my table. In the credit of being rich?" "And to what purpose?" I

"It gives one a position in the world. A large inheritance augments the consideration in which we are held. Then hypocritical financier, congratulated me everything becomes easy.' "I recollect," said I, "cf an uncle of

mills, shares in railroads, banks and gov- fy their claims. ernment securities, will have a grand | A reply came in a couple of days, say

"Let us kill him!" continued the two lars-to Mac Arone."

had another round of beer. I thought no were secured for me. more of the circumstance, and you may guess of my astonishment when I took up | clerk put in a few cyphers too many? My | riage.' the paper, on which Robinson was 'local,' situation became embarrassing. I was and read among the city items:

mal battery is connected with bundles of Mac Arone, Sr., one of the most fortunate boots, et cetera. The editor of one of the nerves proceeding from the brain, and dis- of miners, who was attracted to the gold newspapers thought himself obliged to tributed throughout the electrical appar- regions several years ago. He was mor- give a biographical sketch of my uncle, atus in multitudinous ramifications. Ordinarily, this fish presents no more signs of electricity than a Voltaic battery, at rest; but when it is avoited its avoit but when it is excited its power seems al. of his savings-some \$3,500,000-to his nish my house? Samples of cloth, grocermost unlimited. Then a full grasp by the hand of the monster has been known to destroy human life, and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been killed by its and even the horse has been known to be a constant of the monster has been known to be a consta has been killed by its voluntary shocks. A street. We wish Mac Arone, Jr., joy of close inspection of the physiological struct- his good fortune; and as he was always a short of funds! so many public institutions with depleted treasuries! so many ure of man discloses a perfect Voltaic bat- hearty, jovial kind of a fellow, he has now orphans who wanted fathers, and widows

generation and discharge of electricity. The evening papers and the other To the brain, spinal cord, and great sympathetic may be traced the morning papers rehashed the item, and of cold in the marrowing tales pathetic may be traced the source of election the two fellows retailed the story with all of cold in the dog-days. Pews were tentrical noward and the source of elections and the story with all of cold in the dog-days.

excited at the pleasure of the voluntary compliment me. My employers wanted mind. By means of the multitudinous me to go in partnership with them and exramification of nerves, a perfect system of | tend the business. I disavowed the retelegraphing is established throughout the entire organism. These nerves, both the would believe me. Many in Kansas City motar and sensitive, polarize with the knew my uncle well-they had met him brain, producing direct and reflex action. in different mining districts of Montana Through this medium, both motion and and California. Some had been fellowtravelers of his from one place to another. It is in fact the direct source of all men. All put him down as a lucky, shrewd, in-

Among the number of these visitors proofs in reference to men's electrical iden- was one not the most agreeable. With tity are so incontrovertible that no intelli- the whim of a young man, I had some

"By no means, my dear Mr. Mac Arone;

"What mourning suit?" workmen first-class, and my prices as moderate as you can find them—even in

St. Louis." "I tell you again, I have not yet re ceived--"I beg of you, my dear Mr. Mac Arone, England in the various speeches delivered during the evening, he remarked to his

No sooner was he gone than another individual entered. He began :

about 50 per cent. of the emigrants go to the country, and 75 per cent. of these latter go West, comprising the healthy, indecide, and I have some pressing engagements to settle." "I buy your house-what nonsense!"

churches, on Sundays, from the first of "It is no nonsense. It is a safe invest- "To-morrow, if you confine the transaction January to the last of September, 1869, ment. In two years it will be worth tion to our house.

So well did he circulate the report of my I am now a rich man—a nabob. The that house, I thought it was already which I stood in the greatest need. I had assessor has assessed me at \$275,000. I mine. I offered thirty-seven thousand have "Mac Arone Castle" nearly com- five hundred dollars for it, believing that pleted, and a crowd of upholsterers and the owner would soon and surely come to supply merchants solicit my patronage. terms. But there is no hope of starving Piles of sweet-scented notes daily beg the you into an agreement; so without furfavor of my society to dinners, suppers ther preliminaries, I want to offer you an this city?" advance of fifteen thousand dollars on

Fifteen thousand dollars coming to me when I vainly solicited employment where- I scarcely knew what to make of it. I who had so much trouble to procure work; Nobody would listen to me; nobody cared I, who had to toil so incessantly for seven-Although but little acquainted with

business, I saw in a twinkling the advantage to be derived from my position, and "It is impossible, sir, for me to give you

an answer just now. Return by five o'clock. Meantime I will consider the matter. At a quarter before the appointed hor

Paper on St. Louis! I was so little ac customed to financial nomenclature and

I accordingly wrote to a banking-house not far from the post-office, stating that I had certain funds to invest, and asked advice on the safest mode. It appears, the phrase "certain funds" has different ac-

reached St. Louis. No doubt it found its in St. Louis, I had not where to take my lighter and cooler, and also the breathing ic substances, placed under the conditions way into the "Missouri State Items" of trunk, and not much more than its 'bus much; but it enabled us to have a little the papers. Perhaps the mercantile agen- hire in my possession. But now I ordered reunion once in a while, talk of the past cies became posted. "Certain funds," a hack from the court house square, and and devise projects for the future over a quiet glass of beer, in a retired room just off from Main street.

After a long chat one evening on our situated as I was supposed to be, was a mack from the court house square, and taking my trunk from the Pacific railroad depot, I put up in a nice room at the Southern Hotel.

For several days I was termented with

> They said my letter had just arrived in time to take one hundred and fifty thou-Railroad stock just offered on 'Change. If I thought that too much, a large profit might be immediately realized, as it had rapidly gone up. A Postscript in the writing of the President, who was an oily, on my accession to fortune!

A hundred and fifty thousand dollars! mine, who went out to California at the The letter fell from my hands. The time of the gold fever, and he has never amount frightened me. I telegraphed inreturned nor been heard from since."

"That's just it. We'll bring your uncle to life—or rather, we'll kill him. Ingots, gold-dust, shares in mines and crushing gold-dust, shares in mines and crushing will share in railreads berks and gov.

"The term of your gold bring your uncle to life a sum was beyond my means; that I had no remittances as yet from Helena, Months and the wood falls in the cards of my friends Smith and Robinson. I ordered them to be shown up.

"They were astonished at my situation.

"They were astonish stantly to my correspondents that so large

effect. No doubt there are many reing that in accordance with my implied turned gold-seekers of that time, for wish, they had disposed of the stock at a troubles on the overland route (the Union scamps, "and leave the bulk of his for- Pacific Railroad was not yet in operation), tune-three millions and a half of dol- remittances were slow from the West The prospectus of a new German bank We laughed heartily at the joke, and was inclosed, in which one hundred shares

Seventy-five thousand dollars! Did the overwhelmed with congratulations, pardered to me in twenty-seven churches in second Peabody. I would be the Roths child of the West, the Astor of the Mississippi Valley, the Vanderbilt of Missouri. Lucas and Shaw were nowhere, compared with what my piles of correspondence made me. But I was ruined in post- guilty. age stamps and stationery. In the midst of all my riches, whether real or imagi nary, I had no money! Fortunately, from the moment I was held to be rich no one would take a cent from me. Every-

patronage. At last I decided on going to St. Louis. Immediately on my arrival I went to my bankers, who received me with all the warmth due an inheritor of great wealth. "I regret," said the President, "that you mistrusted that speculation: for rail-

body counted upon the honor of my

road stock has again gone up. No mat-ter, however, you have some left." "Will you have the goodness," said I, "to tell me precisely how much all these bled down with equal rapidity. "The best of it is," said some

"The calculation is easy," and taking out a pencil, he ciphered on the back of a lit blank check for a few minutes, and then said; "Four hundred and twenty thou sand dollars!"

I opened both my ears and eyes. "You say four hundred and twenty thousand dollars-are you quite certain? Not wishing to appear too startled, I re

plied briefly:
"That is well. You spoke also of bank ?" "Yes; the establishment of the bank has met with some difficulties; but the af fair is not less good. We are on the eve

of terminating it, and scrip is well up."
"Could that scrip be also sold?"
"Yes; and holding as you do, one hundred and fifty shares-one thousand dol lar shares-which are tolerably up, you can realize thereby eighty thousand dol

"Although as yet I have paid nothing?"
"Undoubtedly." "All right, since you say so. Now, would like to make a good and safe in vestment of the whole, be so kind as to tell me what you think."

"You will need a home here. Reserve enough for that, and invest the balance in five-twenties, seven-thirties and ten-forties and other safe enterprises that will arise. and the coupons and profits will insure you a nice income.

"Twelve thousand dollars a year! guess I can manage to live on that," con-tinued I. "When can I receive it?" For my part, I was for

great a degree of confidence ?" The president of the bank bowed, and AFTER battling for many years with apparently in bad humor, honored me will it be believed? in the midst of a misfortune, misery, reverses and disap- with a hurried visit. He at once remarked: these treasures I felt a certain embarrass- the world allows to be unaccountable.— the bar-room. Tobacco and whisky are ments, should not have a polished sur-"Mr. Mac Arone, I cannot do without ment in asking for a small amount, of

> not a dollar in my pocket.
>
> With some confusion, I asked:
>
> "Can I, without indiscretion, beg you to advance me, for the time being, a small sum, which I need in my progress through

"Certainly, my very dear sir. Our safe is at your disposal. How much do you want? -three, four, or ten thousand dollars?" "I do not require so much just now-one thousand dollars will be sufficient." After I got the United States bonds, and other securities, and the thousand dol-

"May I beg you," said the president, cading the way as I was going out, "may I beg you to continue your favors to our

house?" "Certainly, sir; you well deserve it," replied, conscious of having the vouchers of a twelve thousand dollar in-

"I regret that other engagements just now call my attentions for the day, and from walking with the mouth open, instead will deny me the pleasure." will deny me the pleasure."

"To-morrow—any time; my house you may consider yours; you will always be welcome."

It is now very generally believed that the leprosy of the house and of the garmates that out of 82 marriages which he compression. As the heart and velocity of ments is the mildew of damp and moist welcome."

A WEDDING guest in New York estimates that out of 82 marriages which he compression, only 19 were "love out behind her, she climbed down from her weekless."

"Thank you. Good evening." As I parted from the banker I began to realize my wealth-my importance. Seceptations "on 'Change," according to the name and the position of him who employs it.

The news of my inheritance must have

The news of my inher

importunate visits. The entire staffs of Exchange. the four newspapers called about fifty times to solicit my subscription. Begging vitations to suppers, evening parties and soirees, rose around me in odoriferious as the potter molds the plaster clay.

you," said both, nearly together. "Yes; I am besieged by persons with all sorts of solicitations and projects; but you my dear friends, you will be always well-come. You are just in time to come with me to see a site I have purchased, and me to see a site I have purchased. where I am about to have erected a regu- of his experience. And it is scarcely pos- to another fungus, more generally seen

"I suppose it must be some considerable way from here," said Smith, with a signifi-"Not far from the Fair Grounds," said I. "Let me take you there in my car-

"Your carriage?" "My carriage. "You have a carriage?" "Yes, and a spanking team I bought two

My two friends retired to the window. where they whispered to one another, looking all the time very lugubrious. "Mac," said they, turning to me, "do you know that your uncle is not dead." "I don't know if he be dead," said I; sold as "bitters," and warranted by the "for I am not very certain that he ever | makers to cure half the diseases flesh is

"You know that this story about your nothing but whisky, flavored and disguised inheritance is all a joke?" "I am also persuaded that only you and I believe so," was my answer. "We have done you wrong," rejoined

the twain; "great wrong in what was intended only for fun. It cost us much sor-row."

over the unhappy dupe who drains it, until at last she becomes hopelessly de-graded. The victims are chiefly women; tended only for fun. It cost us much sorleave Kansas City by the pressure of for when men want to drink, they can find rious effects to our household surround-

ly for it," said I. "It is our duty to disavow it; we are going in public to declare ourselves fore, that preparations of bitters, under all

"I entreat you to leave things just as broadcast over the land. She is innocent they are. A few days more of credit will of any ill intention in taking them. prevent the necessity of displacing my She is not aware that she is really

"Come," I said, "let us lose no time; the carriage is ready. I will tell you all as I go along. Smith I have secured you a good 'posish;' and, Robinson, I have feverish, her head is always aching, her made arrangements with a publisher for the getting out of your book."

Some were on the watch for express packages from Montana for me. Well-advised them, because he does not suspect wood, or bricks, or stone of our houses, and common mould or mildew upon our people shook their heads when speaking of me. The rumor so quickly raised, tum-

for others. For my part I never believed I comprehended the situation by finding on my table some twenty notes. They were all nearly of this style: "Mr. Snip presents his respectful com-

pliments to Mr. Mac Arone, and, having an urgent need of money, begs that he will be so good as to pay, in the course of the day, the little account which he has the honor to inclose.' My answers were all alike: "Mr. Mac Arone thanks Mr. Snip for

the bill which has been so long looked for. and herewith sends the amount. Only one letter contained no request for money. It was from a friend whom I had almost forgotten. Fearing that I had been duped, he wrote to lend me five hundred dollars should I wish to remove from a place where so many rumors were circuated prejudicial to my character.

My reply gave the necessary explana-tion, which I concluded thus: "I am rich; not by an inheritance, in which I never believed, but because it was been made very rich—I scarcely know how. This is what I would wish you to say to those who would talk of me." I owe more than fortune to my singular

and he left without giving me time to re- "what other idea could inspire me with so place in society as the possessor of twelve knew how often the physician is com- the smoke and soot to which it is exposed thousand dollars a year, and still keep it. pelled to gaze upon it. The secret potations from the action of the fire. When coated Moralizing on my sudden change of po- of the drawing-room are not less disas- with this its surface becomes rough and sked me to have a glass of champagne.

Sition, I can only look upon it as one of trous in their consequences than the more black, and is a powerful radiator of heat.

Will it be believed? in the midst of all those strange freaks of fortune which all vulgar carousals of the drinking saloon or A close stove, intended to warm apart-Western Monthly.

How to Breathe.

THERE is one rule to be observed

taking exercise by walking—the very best form in which it can be taken by the able bodied of all ages-and that is, never allow the action of respiration to be carried on through the mouth. The nasal passages are clearly the medium through which respiration was designed by our Creator to be carried on. "God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life" previous to his becoming a living creature. The lars I wanted so pressingly, I arose to de- difference in the exhaustion of strength by a long walk with the mouth firmly closed, and respiration carried through the nos-trils instead of through the mouth, is inconceivable to those who have never tried the experiment. And indeed this mis-That excessive perspiration to which some individuals are so liable in their sleep;

## The Imp of the Private Bottle.

pyramids. Hungry editors came to ask knowledge in reference to family affairs. (weeping). At maturity, this plant sheds me if I didn't want to run on the inde- It is fortunate for the peace of households an immense growth of seeds, so minute as pendent ticket for Congress, or for Mayor that doctors, as a rule, set a guard upon to float unperceived in the air, but having at the next election. I could have their their tongues, and that it is deemed a such vitality that when they fall into a support. They could mold the American, breach of professional etiquette to disclose congenial soil, they immediately take root. German and Irish elements in St. Louis, the secrets they learn in the course of Thus the fungus spreads with amazing their practice. Sometimes, however, a rapidity in places adapted to its develop-About a week after my arrival at the habit becomes so common that it is no ment. The destructive effects of this Fair, was a pistol shooting match, partici-"It's the devil to be permitted to see finally hurries the unhappy victim into a are soon rendered useless, and houses fall lar mediæval castle. It will cost about one sible that his skill can be exercised upon hundred thousand dollars." sible that his skill can be exercised upon hundred thousand dollars." than the "reddish"—namely: mildew or common mould (penicillium glaucum). refer, of course, to the custom of dram- This plant finds a proper soil in every drinking in private, under pretence of place where moisture, warmth, shade, and taking a "wholesome tonic" as a restora- stagnant air exist together, and even tive of the system. The tonic, no matter where but the two conditions, moisture under what false name it is sold, is gene- and warmth, co-exist. The housewife posed. rally a mischievous alcoholic stimulant, which, by the spirits of evil let loose from a bottle by a traveler in the Arabian Nights, proves the bane of young and old, the curse of every household into which it enters, and the ruin of every woman who

is foolish enough to place herself beneath

The "mysterious maladies" which alarm the heads of households are frequently to be traced to the deleterious compounds heir to. The basis of these mixtures is to give some excuse for the pretext under which it is sold. Analysis will show that what is represented as a glass of healthy bitters is almost always the Circean cup, destined to acquire an increasing influence "On the contrary; I thank you cordial- without exciting scandal. But a woman cannot walk into a bar-room and call for "bourbon" or "rye." It is for her, thereruining her constitution by imbibing Smith and Robinson regarded me as daily doses of alcohol. But in the course of time her husband notices that her health is failing. Her nervous hand shakes, and she is subject to constant depression of spirits. The husband looks on at these symptoms with pain and them, because he does not suspect and common mould or mildew upon our the demon which lurks in the apparently harmless bottle of "bitters" stowed away in the cupboard. He tries change "The best of it is," said some, "he has of air, but it does no good, and no wonder ended by falling into the snare he laid --the fatal bottle goes with his wife, in her trunk. At last the doctor is called in, turity. The lesson is a most important and he at once detects in the unfortunate woman all the disastrous effects of hard How common it is to find such apartments authority that the patient is sometimes occupied as bed-rooms, especially for discovered to be on the very verge of delirium tremens! The horror of the husband, when this fact comes to his knowledge, may be imagined; but although his rooms should always have a southern exwife may be temporarily cured, the evil posure, and the sun and air should be discovered at Horse Shoe Bend, Cal., that ascendancy too often returns, and the flower of her life is cruelly poisoned.

Any medical man in large practice would vouch for it that we do not exaggerate the deplorable wreck of mind and body produced by this kind of dram-drinking. It place without the city.—Eminent Physiis extending everywhere, although not under identically the same disguises. In France the concoction may be called a "water," in England "spirits of orangeflower." but everywhere it is the same baleful compound--alcohol is present beneath all the artifices that may be eni- authorities on the subjects here referred

be found in regular hours, good exercise, simple fare, and a needful proportion of sleep. The truth is as old as the hills, but it is not superflous to enforce it once ful effect.—Cor. Germantown Telegraph.

FACTS AND FIGURES. more, when city life and quackery combined are destroying the energy and vivacity of youth, and bringing down gray heads in sorrow to the grave.—New York

The Plague of the House. THEOLOGIANS have been extremely puz zled to determine what the great Jewish law-giver meant by the terms, "leprosy of chievous and really unnatural habit of carrying on the work of inspiration and That it was something highly detrimental 1,200 salesmen. expiration through the mouth instead of not only to the house and the garments, but to the occupants, may be inferred through the nasal passages is the true but to the occupants, may be inferred origin of almost all the diseases of the from the injunctions given for its desthroat and lungs, as congestion, asthma, truction. The house was to be vacated bronchitis, and even consumption itself. and cleansed: the stones affected were to be removed out of the city; the walls were during the past season. to be scraped, etc. And if, after the presaid the president; "come to tea this evening, my wife will be so happy to meet you."

which is so weakening to the body, is solely the effect of such persons sleeping with their mouths unclosed. And the stones thrown into some unclean place same unpleasant and exhaustive re- without the city. Garments affected with sults are occasioned to the animal system from walking with the mouth open, instead cation.

the blood through the lungs depend al- places, which the microscope reveals to us most entirely upon the quantity of the at- as a fungus or plant growth. Two varietion, and it is unavoidable that it should be taken in volume, by the mouth, while ish." The former is commonly known as China. tail in her beak. She bit pretty hard, and Kitty gave a piteous mew, and fled from it can only be supplied in moderate quanti- the dry-rot (Merulius lachrymans of botancourse rather than the former one is trees, in the frame-work of ships, and in \$602,500. adopted. Children ought never to be the timbers of houses. At first it reallowed to stand with their mouths open; sembles a spider's web, spreading, by for besides the vacant appearance it gives means of fine white threads, from a com-For several days I was tormented with cursor of colds, coughs and sore throats.— solidated into a yellowish-white mass, like 1,203,170 a cushion, and may be seen in great numbers in the crevices of the wood or wall infected. As the vegetable grows toward maturity, these masses become covered MEDICAL men in all parts of the world | with reddish vines, which emit drops of have startling facts brought to their water, and hence the name lachrymans premature grave. Unless the evidence of into irremediable dilapidation. It is only made about 1,600,000 pounds of cheese.

finds it in the cellar upon her preserves, in the crevices of the loaf of stale bread, finds it in every shady nook, upon his to read his Bible and his newspapers. Sunday boots, on old harness and saddles, find a place for germination, take root and multiply so rapidly as often to excite the surprise of those most familiar with it Like the "reddish," the "greenish" leprosy is destructive of house and garments. Every article upon which it grows will

sooner or later undergo decay, and become useless, except where a ferment is necessary to its utility. But these forms of leprosy are not, un-fortunately, always confined in their injucreditors, who expected pay on the strength of the joke.

They can ask for whisky over a counter the grape, the projection and ings. They often attack, when the weather ings. They often attack, when sorts of fantastic names, are scattered many of our most fatal diseases, are trace- day for twenty-four days. The offer was throats, within our stomachs, liver, and cuted.

even our blood. This leprosy within our houses and garspreading decay and death where and when least suspected. It should become universally known that dry-rot in the clothing and food, means a tendency to The remedy for this domestic plague is

destruction of house and family. simple and effective. In sunlight and dry, cian, in Hearth and Home.

Hints to Housekeepers.

FROM my reading of some of the best

ployed, and when once a woman has sold to, I have come to the following conherself to the evil spirit, her freedom, her happiness, and her health are alike sacrificed. She may not know what she is determined, in spite of my protestations, doing. She feels that her strength is fail-that I should be rich. I have, in reality, ing. and she finds that the habit of sipping pots are best adapted for their purpose ing, and she finds that the habit of sipping pots are best adapted for their purpose at the black bottle infuses into her for a when constructed of polished metal, and time new animation. She may sincerely worst when constructed of black porcelain. believe that the fatal draught is really com-posed, as its makers assert, of some life conceivable material for that vessel, for situation, since it has assured me that I have a friend on whom I may count in adversity, should it ever visit me. For every cause but the right one. "By disposing of what I have, in the way specified," said I, "what will be the net annual income?"

"About twelve thousand dollars a year on all your investments, which might be judiciously used in increasing it."

"Twelve thousand dollars a year of Twelve thousand the transition. The funds the false key for hi stances. It is not everybody who could tution. But the taste for it increases rap- is better adapted to retain the heat of the handle. The tin is of many thicknesses, was at 586 schools. Eighteen hundred idly, until in the end it becomes uncon- water than one of a dull brown colo,r and fits the lock precisely. The handle scholars were placed in situations by the For my part, I was for a moment tempt-ed to applaud my own genius; but a little little bottle has remorse for her companion unment. In two years it will be worth double the amount. I have your word," tion to our house."

That, of course," was my rejoinder; nothing to do with it. I quietly took my ture, but it would startle all of us if we polished, than if it be allowed to collect patriotic legend, "1776."

now doing harm enough in almost every face, for in that case it is one of the worst community, without women abandoning radiators of heat, and nothing could be themselves to the same malign influence. | contrived less fit for the purpose to which Beware of the bottle, no matter under it is applied. On the other hand, a rough, what shape it may seek admission into the unpolished surface of cast iron is favorhousehold! The only safe tonics are to able to radiation, and a fire in such a

THERE are 12,000 nuns in Spain. NEW HAMPSHIRE has thirty-six news-

A CLERGYMAN the other day took \$5,000 wedding fee in New York. BELLE Boyn, the noted Southern spy, Belle Boyd, the noted Southern spy, from her without being bitten by her has been sent to the California State In- strong, black beak.

sane Asylum. Paris will have, on the 1st day of January, 1870, a dry goods store employing NEW HAMPSHIRE has a stage-driver who has held the lines for thirty-seven years

It is estimated that over a million bushels of peaches were shipped from Alabama

THERE are three times as many men engaged in selling liquor as in preaching the jump down after the bone, and scamper Gospel or teaching school.

A NEW BEDFORD marble worker has

BISHOP KINGSLEY, of the Methodist mospheric air inhaled with each inspira- ties of leprosy are mentioned in the Leviti- Episcopal Church, expects to ordain nine

a net reduction during the past year of is much freer and easier when the latter above given-as in the hollow places of \$157,042, and since the close of the war of THE total number of voters on the Eng-

lish parliamentary register last year was

1,203,170, and the number who voted was A young lady, who has been studying whether the day rate of gold affects the nitrate of silver.

VICTOR HUGO is 67, Alexander Dumas celebrated authors themselves.

A FAMILY of seven brothers and sisters, the youngest of whom is sixty-eight, have resided together all their lives, in Knox A NOVEL feature of the Danville, Va.,

about 3,400 cows, and the past season have LORD PALMERSTON never visited the most important seaport of the British Em-

A WRITER in the Providence Journal, addressing Senator Sprague, says: "Gov-ernor, you have no idea how much money one able-bodied, industrious man can lend, in the course of a day, if he is so dis-

SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts, has an enthusiastic Christian who attends eleven fringing a pumpkin-pie, covering the vin- religious meetings a week, works at his

THE new Roman Catholic Cathedral in on the damp hay and grain, in the grana- Boston will probably be finished in 1871. ry, on vegetables, etc. It is prolific to a It will cover an area of 55,000 feet. It most extraordinary degree; its germs fill will have a chime of bells, and its chief the air of our rooms, penetrate our lungs, tower will be 300 feet in height. The style fill our clothing, and wherever they can of architecture is the early Gothic. In a bayou near Natchez, a short time dove; but, when her anger was aroused

> crowd of alligators fighting over the car- were not bitten to the bone.- The cass of a sheep, and twenty-one of the Nursery. reptiles were killed FALL BIVER, Mass., has a bank with \$400,000 capital and only eleven stockholders, a majority of whom are named

cause immense destruction of property. dollars and some groceries if he would But even this is not the limit of their evil | wheel a barrow containing one hundred effects, for the thrush of children, and pounds of stone a certain distance twice a able to the growth of these fungi upon our accepted and the contract faithfully exe-

will sustain a weight of 28 tons, a bar of ments has never attracted the attention it | steel 50 tons; and, according to computathe poor, it prevails as a permanent pesti- 1-4000th of an inch in diameter will sus-

A BAR of iron one inch in diameter

349; total number of baptisms, 90,720; nally failed to hit the nail. confirmations, 59,940; communicants, boys were told to come again next 195,183; Sunday School teachers, 21,478; morning, and this time when the scholars, 188,132; amount of contributions gate was opened, there was but for three years, \$11,000,000. THERE is living in the town of West- up the stick, and throwing it at the nail,

ny save an old cat. plague clings to the wood-work and gar-ments in spite of cleaning, the summary the hips, with teeth that are three and a measures twenty-six feet from the jaws to measures recommended by Moses had bet- half inches broad, and two smooth horns

hundred pounds, and surrounding the

skeleton were about fifty skulls of human shape, but small and apish. Wise men are puzzling themselves to account for the fresh water which comes up through an iron tube, sunk fifteen feet through the constantly shifting sands of the free-school system in America. There Cape Cod, from sixteen to twenty feet are in London of these ragged schoolsfrom high water and not more than three attended on Sunday, day and eveningfeet above it. The water in this tube about 600, and it is calculated that about rises and falls regularly with the tide, yet 50,000 children, taken from the gutters more than 100 barrels have been pumped from it at one time without finding the slightest trace of saline matter. It is of such fine quality that vessels supply them- as teachers, without charge or emolument.

selves for a sea voyage from this well. A PRISONER who escaped from the Au- larly during twelve months of the year, burn jail, in Maine, a few days since, and those who are found industrious and showed much ingenuity in making the honest, as they grow up, are furnished

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE FENCE.

Picking an apple up near the tree

This is a falsehood-a weak pretense, Sin and sorrow are over the fence.

Would not be really a theft, you see.

Lest I shall do as I planned to-day.

Whose is the voice that thus speaks so plain Twice have I heard it, and not in vain,

CONSCIENCE. This is the way that all crimes commence Coveting that which is over the fence.

TRUE STORIES ABOUT POLLY.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES. THERE was once a Poll Parrot who oved to pick chicken-bones. She would sit upon the back of a chair, holding on

by one claw, while she grasped a chicken-bone with the other; and then she looked very much as if she were playing a flute. Kitty liked chicken-bones, too; and whenever she saw Polly enjoying one, she always thought that she ought to have it herself. She was a sly puss, and at last she thought of a way to get Polly's bone

Polly had a violent temper, so that when she was angry she did not know what she was about. Kitty made the most of this. She would jump up into the seat of the chair upon the back of which Polly was sitting with her bone. Then, watching her chance, Kitty would raise her paw

and gently tap the end of her bone.

Polly would get into a great rage at once; she would scream out, and try to bite Kitty, and this would make Polly drop the bone. Then Kitty would quietly off with it. Wasn't she a sly Kitty?

Polly had a grudge against Kitty for getting her chicken-bones. So one day. A WEDDING guest in New York esti- when she saw Kitty lying sound asleep

Waddling across the room to where Kitty was peacefully sleeping, Polly seized her the kitchen.

After Kitty had had her tail bitten, she never went to sleep in the kitchen without keeping one eye open to watch Polly. Polly would start for Kitty's tail, but as t took her a long time to walk across the floor, Kitty would lie quite still and take a nap until Polly had reached her; then Kitty would jump up and run to the other end of the room.

Kitty would then lie down and calmly watch Polly waddle back after her, only to have Kitty again jump up and run back just where she was before. Polly would scream and bob her head up and down in a great rage; but she rever

seemed to make up her mind that she 66, George Sands 65 years old. The three | could not catch Kitty. Polly would keep great French authors have sons who are | waddling back and forth after Kitty for an hour at a time; and I really believe Kitty enjoyed it as a very good joke. It was funny to hear Polly scold herself. She liked to get up on the window-

seat and rap with her beak on the pane; but we were afraid she would break it; so we always scolded her when she did so; This is the way she would go on: Rap, rap, rap; "Naughty Polly, naughty Pol-Rap, rap, rap; "Naughty Polly!

Rap; "Naughty, naughty Polly!" Rap, rap, rap, rap, rap; "Naughty, naughty, naughty, naughty Polly!' We could always tell when she was pire. Liverpool, which the reilway had brought within four hours of Broadlands, not allowed to be; because, as she waddled his country abode, until the year before through the hall, she would call out. "Go

back, Polly; go back!" Once Polly climbed idto a neighbor's pantry window, and began picking to pieces some bread and vegetables that

had been laid on the shelf, ready for din The folks found out that she was there, egat, and among her linen which has been | trade every day, and goes twenty-six | to come after her; but, by the time we packed away when damp. The farmer miles by rail to his work, and finds time arrived, the nice slices of bread were all

> and torn. Polly was sometimes very loving, espe cially to my sister Anna. Anna would take her, and hug her close up to her bosom. Polly would spread her wings, At these times she was as gentle as

since, two field-pieces, leaded with slugs, woe to the incautious hand that apstones, balls, etc., were discharged into a proached her! Lucky for that hand if it

A Lesson of Perseverance. At a recent Sunday-school concert in an Brayton. There are four thousand shares, | Eastern city, an anecdote was related to and of these one gentleman owns twenty- the children which is too good to be lost. It illustrates the benefit of perseverance in as strong a manner as ever did a Bruce. One of the corporations of the city being paper was tacked on one of the posts in a prominent place, so that the boys could see it as they passed. The paper read, " Boy wanted-call at the office to-morrow morning." At the time indicated a host of boys were in waiting at the gate. All were admitted, but the overseer was a little perplexed as to the best way of choosing one from so many, and said he, "Boys, I only ought. In many dwellings, especially of tion, based upon the fact that a fiber only want one, and here are a great many, how shall I choose?" After thinking a moment, lence, and not only destroys in time the tain 54 grains, a bar of spiders' silk an inch he invited them all into the yard, and tenement, but also its occupant. In our in diameter would support a weight of 74 driving a nail into one of the large trees, best houses it may be found insidiously tons. and making a short stick, told them that THE statistics of the last General Con- the boy who could hit the nail with a vention of the Protestant Episcopal stick, standing a little distance from the Church shows: 39 dioceses; Bishops and tree, should have the place. The boys all clergy, 2,662: candidates for Holy orders, tried hard, and after three trials each, sig-

> minster, Mass., a maiden lady 78 years of age, who, though totally blind and partially deaf, lives entirely alone. She have you been doing?" And the boy, lookbuilds her own fire every morning in an open fire-place. She prides herself upon see, sir, I have a poor old mother, and I having had over forty offers of marriage, am a poor boy; I have no father, sir, still she prefers to live on with no compathe place, and so help her all I can; and after going home yesterday, I drove a nail into the barn, and have been trying to hit it ever since, and I have come down this

morning to try again." The boy was admitted to the place. Many years have passed since then, and now that boy is a prosperous and wealthy man, and at the time of the accident at the Pemberton Mills, he was the first to step forward with a gift of one thousand dollars to relieve the sufferers. His success came by perseverance.

-The ragged-school system in London is to a very small extent, a substitute for About 1,000 of these children attend regu-

-Sixteen thousand children attend the public schools of St. Louis.